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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 400,900 IN DECEMBER

Overall Rhode Island employment declined in December as pre-holiday increases in Wholesale and Retail Trade were more than offset by seasonal decreases in the Manufacturing and Construction sectors of the State's economy, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 400,900 in December. While this figure represents a loss of 900 jobs from the November level of 401,800, it is still 9,500 above the December 1982 total of 391,400.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island declined by 1,700 in December to a level of 119,900. However, this represents a gain of 4,200 jobs over the total of 115,700 reported a year ago this month. Employment in the Durable Goods sector remained unchanged from the November level of 53,800. This figure is 2,300 more than were employed in December 1982. The Nondurable Goods level of 66,100 was 1,700 below November, but was up 1,900 over December 1982.

Within the Durable Goods sector, gains of 100 jobs each were reported in December in Electrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment, and Instruments. Monthly losses of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, and Nonelectrical Machinery employment. The remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from the previous month. Compared to last December, gains within Electrical Machinery (+1,000), Transportation Equipment (+700), Instruments (+700) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100), were slightly offset by

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JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT BRINGS PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS CLOSER TOGETHER

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) is a Federal law which became effective October 1, 1983. It provides funds for job training programs to help economically-disadvantaged and unemployed people. JTPA continues a long-standing Federal commitment to help prepare people with serious employment barriers to be productive members of the labor force. Like the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) which it replaced, the new legislation works primarily through locally-based program delivery systems to provide remedial education, training and employment assistance to low-income and long-term unemployed youth and adults.

JTPA, however, is very different than CETA in how it proposes to go about this task. It equalizes authority between the private and public sectors over all aspects of local policy-making, planning, administration and program operations. It allows the local public and private partners to make fundamental decisions on how Federal funds will be administered and programs managed at the local level. The Act gives localities maximum flexibility to decide the types and mix of program assistance to be provided with Federal funds.

The Governor is responsible for coordinating activities in Rhode Island's three Service Delivery Areas (Northern Rhode Island, Providence-Cranston and Balance of State) and for monitoring local job training programs with assistance from the Private Industry Councils.

JTPA – the new Partnership for the 80's in Rhode Island.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
Total Placements	1,118-P	1,639	889
New Applications	2,666-P	3,157	3,297
New Openings Rec'd.	2,112-P	2,383	1,235

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	% Change Nov.1983
Initial Claims	20,726	8,238	+ 151.6
No. of Payments	50,957	44,005	+ 15.8
Amt. of Payments	$ 5,575,097	$4,787,600	+ 16.4
Exhaustions	1,170	1,132	+ 3.4

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983
Initial Claims	1,661	1,831
No. of Payments	14,708	17,803
Amount of Payments	$ 1,546,084	$ 1,911,872

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force – Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	489.2	490.2	481.2
Unemployment	33.1	30.4	48.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	6.2	10.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.3	7.4	10.5

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	482.0	475.8	477.9
Unemployment	30.2	32.0	44.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	6.7	9.3

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	37,190	37,220	33,775
Unemployment	1,990	1,790	1,965
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.4	4.8	5.8

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	15,145	15,315	14,385
Unemployment	920	965	1,010
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.1	6.3	7.0

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through September 30, 1984. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
East Providence
Johnston
New Shoreham
Pawtucket
Warren
West Warwick
Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
TAL EMPLOYMENT*	400.9	401.8	391.4	- 900	+9,500
NUFACTURING	119.9	121.6	115.7	-1,700	+4,200
NMANUFACTURING	281.0	280.2	275.7	+ 800	+5,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.6	12.9	12.1	- 300	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.0	13.0	13.3	-	- 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	83.2	82.3	80.3	+ 900	+2,900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.6	21.6	21.3	-	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	93.3	93.4	91.1	- 100	+1,200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.3	57.0	57.6	+ 300	- 300

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Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
DUSTRY GROUP	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1982
L MANUFACTURING	119.9	121.6	115.7	-1700	+4200	$ 285.82	$268 77	40.6	39.7	$ 7.04	$6.77
RABLE GOODS	53.8	53.8	51.5	0	+2300	336.07	312.71	41.8	41.2	8.04	7.59
MBER/FURNITURE	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 100	- 100	272.22	249.70	39.0	34.3	6.98	7.28
ONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.1	2.2	2.0	- 100	+ 100	367.11	346.50	40.7	42.0	9.02	8.25
IMARY METALS	6.5	6.5	6.7	0	- 200	377.87	363.17	45.2	46.5	8.36	7.81
BRICATED METALS	9.6	9.6	9.6	0	0	263.59	246.57	39.4	39.2	6.69	6.29
N-ELECTRIC MACH.	7.0*	7.1*	7.0*	- 100	0	382.02	349.58	42.4	39.5	9.01	8.85
ECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.5	11.4	10.5	+ 100	+1000	276.49	268.82	40.6	42.4	6.81	6.34
ANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.3	9.2	8.5	+ 100	+ 700	427.55	391.02	42.5	42.0	10.06	9.31
STRUMENTS	5.3	5.2	4.6	+ 100	+ 700	313.55	284.82	44.1	41.1	7.11	6.93
NDURABLE GOODS	66.1	67.8	64.2	-1700	+1900	246.93	235.62	39.7	38.5	6.22	6.12
OD-BEVERAGE	3.7	3.6	3.4	+ 100	+ 300	233.96	252.97	38.8	39.9	6.03	6.34
XTILES	11.1	11.1	10.8	0	+ 300	257.50	245.78	41.2	41.1	6.25	5.98
PAREL	3.0	3.1	2.9	- 100	+ 100	236.59	217.62	41.8	40.6	5.66	5.36
PER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.4	0	+ 100	262.29	261.99	41.9	42.6	6.26	6.15
INTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 100	349.41	321.22	35.8	34.1	9.76	9.42
EMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	2.9	3.0	- 100	- 200	352.04	341.03	38.1	37.6	9.24	9.07
BBER PRODUCTS	1.6	1.5	1.6	+ 100	0	330.62	284.00	46.5	41.4	7.11	6.85
ASTICS PRODUCTS	4.6	4.7	5.0	- 100	- 400	283.97	253.88	40.3	39.3	6.96	6.46
ATHER PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	2.7	0	+ 400	224.30	174.54	42.4	38.7	5.29	4.51
WELRY-SILVERWARE	22.9	23.8	22.3	- 900	+ 600	200.72	201.10	38.9	37.8	5.16	5.32
SCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	5.7	4.4	- 700	+ 600	245.95	198.25	36.6	32.5	6.77	6.10

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losses in Primary Metals (-200) and Lumber/Furniture (-100). Fabricated Metals and Nonelectrical Machinery employment both remained unchanged from their December 1982 levels.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, seasonal declines were evident in Jewelry/Silverware (-900) and in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing category (-700). Also down over the monthly reporting period were Apparel, Chemical Products and Plastics Products (-100 each). Conversely, monthly gains of 100 jobs were posted in both Food-Beverage and Rubber Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from the previous month. On an annual comparison, the largest employment increases were reported in Jewelry/Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+600 each). Also up substantially were Leather Products (+400), and Food-Beverage and Textiles (+300 each), while Apparel, Paper Products, and Printing-Publishing each gained 100 jobs from one year ago. Rubber Products remained unchanged from last December. Annual declines occurred in Plastics Products (-400) and Chemical Products (-200).

NONMANUFACTURING

Employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries increased 800 from November to December, primarily due to continued seasonal hiring in Wholesale and Retail Trade. The December Nonmanufacturing total of 281,000 is 5,300 jobs above the December 1982 level of 275,700.

The Wholesale and Retail Trade industry continued to increase its holiday season employment, adding 900 to reach a level of 83,200, which was up 2,900 over last December's total. Government employment rose by 300 in December to 57,300 but was down 300 from a year ago this month. Both Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,000, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 21,600, remained unchanged from the previous month. However, the former was down 300 and the latter was up by 300 jobs compared to last December's totals. Contract Construction employment declined by 300 to 12,600 for the month, but was 500 higher than in December 1982. Although Services lost 100 jobs in the November-December period, its current total of 93,300 was 1,200 above the level of a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers decreased by 2 cents to $7.04 in December, but were up 27 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.9 of an hour in December to 40.6, which was 0.9 of an hour more than was reported in this month last year. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $285.82 in December. This represents an increase of $5.54 compared to the November level, and is $17.05 greater than the one year ago figure.

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